GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FIRE SAFETY IN BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that several high rise buildings in and around Connaught Place under the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) areas do not have proper fire safety certificates ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to protect the buildings from fire hazards and to remove the shortcomings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): All the high rise buildings constructed in Delhi authorizedly as permitted by the building sanctioning authority NDMC have clearance from the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) after the enforcement of Delhi Building Bye-Laws,1983. The buildings constructed prior to 1983 were also inspected under the provisions of Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986 and Rules, 1987 and issued NOC after the compliance of the provisions.

(b): On the directions of Honorable Delhi High Court in the matter of Shri B.L Wadhera v/s Govt. of NCT of Delhi, a survey was conducted by DFS and 2377 buildings were identified, which did not have NOC from DFS. Out of these 2377 buildings, 145 buildings were in NDMC area. All these buildings were served notices and action was taken in compliance with the direction of Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

(c) to (e): The Government of Delhi has enacted Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007 and Rules, 2010 which is more comprehensive legislation concerning fire and life safety in high-rise buildings in Delhi and this Act and Rules have come into force with effect from 01.07.2010 and the construction of high rise buildings in Delhi would be better monitored from fire safety point of view.